

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 15-18, 20-23 and 26-29 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 10, 15 and 29 are amended and claims 14 and 19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 1-9, 20-23 and 26 are allowed and that claims 14 and 19 are objected to and have not been rejected based on the prior art. Dependent claims 14 and 19 are therefore believed to contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, features of dependent claim 14 are incorporated into independent claim 10 and features of dependent claim 19 are incorporated into independent claim 15. Independent claim 29 is also amended to include similar features. Thus, each of independent claims 10, 15 and 29 are believed to define patentable subject matter. Each of the dependent claims depends from one of the independent claims and therefore defines patentable subject matter at least for this reason. In addition, the dependent claims also recite features that further and independently distinguish over the applied references.

CONCLUSION

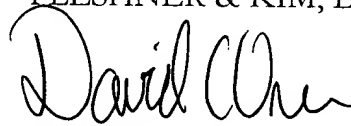
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13, 15-18, 20-23 and 26-29 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David C. Oren**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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